Bill Collett, 76, of Grinnell died Feb. 5, 2012, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

A graveside service and burial was held at 10 a.m., Friday, Feb. 10, at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell, with Rev. John Epperson, retired, officiating. Pallbearers were Tim and Matt Carnes, Dan and Dakota Owens, Tom Ise~berg, Lonnie Stewart and Eldon Thompson. Honorary bearers were Jim Adkins, and Chadd and Heath Collett.

Memorial contributions may be directed to PALS (Poweshiek County Animal League Shelter) in Grinnell.

Bill was born May 25, 1935, in Ottumwa, the son of Orville William and Margaret Townsend Collett. He was raised in Ottumwa and attended public school there. He was a veteran of the United States Army, who served during the Korean Conflict. While serving in the military he was able to finish his high school education and also further his education in electrical trade.

He was employed for 20 years as a lineman for Iowa Southern Utilities and later in the maintenance department at Grinnell General Hospital. He retired in 1997.

On January 27, 1975, he was united in marriage to Linda Adkins in South Dakota, and the couple continued to make their home in Grinnell.

Bill was a member of the NRA, enjoyed collecting guns and coins, and held a passion for history. He loved animals, especially his dogs, and was known fondly for his open-door policy for allowing other pets in his neighborhood to enter his home. He was devoted to his family.

Survivors include his wife, Linda of Ottumwa; two sons, Chadd Collett of South Dakota and Heath Collett of Des Moines; three grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and many other friends and relations. He was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter Pam in 2008; one brother, Darrell; and two sisters, Charlotte Collier and Shirley Qualkinbush.